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COUNTRY **INTERVIEW** (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Zeitz

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 21 December 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to 30 November 1951, the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Friedensstrasse, Zeitz (M 52/K 03), appeared to be occupied to capacity. A great deal of activity was noticed in the billeting area during the day, and all windows of the installation were lighted after sundown. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the soldiers observed were engaged in maintenance work on motor vehicles. A guard with field glasses was continually on duty on a newly erected wooden platform on top of the barracks building south of the main gate. Vehicles [REDACTED] installation [REDACTED]

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2. The Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by troops except for one entire [REDACTED] barracks building and one floor each in two other barracks buildings. The empty billeting space had been occupied by the artillery battalion which departed for Probstzella on 14 November. The battalion had been accompanied by all uniformed women who had been in the installation up to that time. (2) Four T-34 tanks with [REDACTED] stood between the garages of the Artillerie Kaserne on 29 November. (3)

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3. The Soviet komendantura moved from the building at the intersection of Emmanuel Kant Strasse and Felleisenweg to the house at 9 Friedrich Lngels Platz, which had been used for Soviet transient officers' billets before. The new komendantura building was surrounded by a wire fence. (4)

4. The bakery company on Dimitroffstrasse worked in three shifts. Its personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. (5)

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[REDACTED] reported confirm the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Friedensstrasse. [REDACTED] 25X1A

(2) The Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Friedensstrasse consists of four three-story troop billets. The transfer of the AAA regiment of the XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps to the Saalfeld area has not been substantiated by other sources. [REDACTED] and

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(3) According to [REDACTED], the T-34 tanks probably belong to the unidentified guards tank regiment of the 20th Gds Mecz Div which is stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne.

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(4) This komendantura was first reported by the same source to have been located in the building at the northeastern corner of the Infanterie Kaserne in October 1951. The present report refutes previous information [REDACTED] to the effect that the komendantura would be included into a restricted compound containing the Infanterie Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne.

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(5) The bakery unit is known from previous reports.

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